REMARKS

The Office Action dated August 22, 2005, has been carefully reviewed and the foregoing amendment has been made in response thereto. Claims 4, 6, 10, and 11 have been canceled. Claims 1-3, 5, 7-9, and 13 are pending in the application.

The rejection of claim 13 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite is respectfully traversed. The indefinite recitation of a storage system has been deleted from claim 13. Claim 13 now recites a computer program comprising code segments. It is submitted that the amended claims clearly and definitely define the invention and that they are in conformance with 35 USC 112.

The rejection of claim 13 under 35 USC 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter is respectfully traversed. The foregoing amendment to claim 13 has corrected the defect noted in the rejection by now reciting a computer program embodied on computer readable medium. Therefore, amended claim 13 is allowable under 35 USC 101.

The rejection of claims 1-3, 7-9, and 13 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ludwig et al in view of Dowling is respectfully traversed. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claims 4 and 6. It now recites a method of sharing still images between first and second computers connected to an internetwork for exchanging network packets. First and second call clients run in the first and second computers, respectively, for establishing a data call comprising live video exchange from at least one video camera and comprising a network session between the first and second call clients. A voice telephone call is established via a public telephone network between first and second users of the first and second computers, respectively. The first user initiates a first image viewer subclient under control of the first call client which loads and displays still image data on the first computer and which transmits the still image data to the second computer using the network session. A second image viewer subclient on the second computer loads and displays the still image data wherein the live video exchange is maintained simultaneously with display of the still image data by the image viewer subclients.

The still image data is comprised of an array of pictures displayed in succession by the first and second image viewer subclients substantially simultaneously, the progression through the array being controlled in response to manual control signals generated by either the first user or the second user. These limitations are neither shown nor suggested by the cited prior art.

Ludwig relates to a multimedia workstation in a desktop environment wherein high quality audio and video are superimposed onto an enterprise's existing computing and network infrastructure, including workstations, LANs, WANs, and building wiring. Furthermore, the audio and video in Ludwig are carried together in its real-time network. Ludwig lacks any teaching of an array of pictures shown in succession wherein the progression through the array is controlled in response to manual control signals generated by either the first user or the second user. Pursuant to claim 1, the array of pictures to be viewed in succession is specified by the first user. However, progression through the array is controlled by manual control signals that can be generated by either the first user or the second user.

Dowling likewise fails to either teach or suggest an array of pictures to be viewed in succession. Dowling shares an application screen (such as a word processing document) between remote users, but lacks any suggestion of a succession of still images under manual control of users at both ends of a call.

Claim 1 recites simultaneous display of still images using the same network session as the live video. Ludwig teaches carrying snapshots on a different network than the network carrying the video feed. Dowling lacks a single network session for carrying both still images and live video. For all the foregoing reasons, claim 1 and its dependent claims 2, 3, 5, 7, and 8 are allowable.

Independent claim 9 recites a telephone interface for capturing a target telephone number dialed on a telephone and a call client for transmitting the captured target telephone number identifying a remote computer to a central server maintaining a database of IP addresses of registered computers. A resulting data call comprises live video exchange and transmission of still image data. Claim 9 specifies that the image viewer subclient is responsive to manual control signals generated using either

the computer apparatus or the remote computer for controlling progressive display of still image data as a succession of pictures in an array. Therefore, claim 9 is allowable over Ludwig in view of Dowling for the same reasons as discussed above regarding claim 1.

Independent claim 13 recites a code segment for obtaining a target telephone number from a telephone interface, a code segment for transmitting the target telephone number to a central server that maintains a database of IP addresses of registered computers, a code segment for establishing a data call comprising live video exchange and transmission of still image data, and a code segment for directing an image viewer subclient to load and display still image data wherein the code segment is responsive to manual control signals generated using either the computer apparatus or the remote computer for controlling progressive display of the still image data as a succession of pictures in an array. Therefore, claim 13 is allowable over Ludwig in view of Dowling for the same reasons as discussed above regarding claim 1.

The rejection of claim 5 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ludwig in view of Anderson is respectfully traversed. Anderson fails to correct for the deficiencies of Ludwig and Dowling as noted above. Therefore, claim 5 is allowable over the cited references.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, claims 1-3, 5, 7-9, and 13 are now in condition for allowance. Favorable action is respectfully solicited.

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